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Merchants Hear of Plans for Work.

FTER two hours of discussion the Merchants' Association yesterday decided to have printed 500 copies of the report of the committee in charge of the consideration of in regard to inducing tourist to come to the Islands, so that of the various bodies which are interested in the growth of Honolulu may have them for study. The association, recognizing the necessity for hard work, decided that it would be better that there be given more time for study before discussing at greater length the plan suggested, and left the subject open for the future develop-

The committee, reporting along lines forecast in The Advertiser, went into the subject in a most careful and thoughtful report, and laid before the port indicates the feeling of many members of the association, which was preferable. headquarters and permanent location, that the income tax law reaches the to leave at 4 o'clock.

three legal firms. After this was done their income during any period. was sent forward to Washington.

revenues for the support of the govern- declared. cent upon property is settled by many thing since it gave every one a chance tion. years' holding it would be unwise to to help bear the burden of government unsettle it, owing to a necessity to the taxation. ing that there might be necessary an Mr. Smith answered that the agreeing port of the tourists' committee but on want the best of the species, the the business men were fearful of re- islature the province of making a suits. With this idea the various com- change in the tax rate at all.

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at a later meeting of the association. | tations paying dividends had to pay and tabled, which was done. While there was no action taken there the tax made it come out of the pock- A letter from the Collector of Cus- come before we can reap the harvest and Honolulu as well as a faster and

made by President Macfarlane, in pur- H. F. Wichman at once took up the chandise imported between June 14th, that never was there a land so prepar- the conviction of your Committee that suance of a motion requesting a report cudgels. He said the tax was mani- 1900, and June 30th, 1902, for the use ed by nature for a tourist's haven, these first principles are of vital im- WM. T. PATY.-Contractor and Buildof the action taken in the matter of festly unfair, for the reason that the of the statistical division of the de- never were conditions fairer than in portance, and that in a measure it is the income tax last year. This has merchant, whose revenues in many partment. On motion this was done. Hawaff for an ideal resort both in win- within the power of the Honolulu merbeen delayed for some time and the cases were represented by an increase It was decided that each member of ter and summer, but for want of a reareport made was a verbal one. Mr. of his stock, had to pay the taxes, the association should be asked to do Macfarlane told of the meetings with while many professional men were age this at once. other business bodies of the city, and to escape it and thus secure immunity J. F. Humburg from the committee representative people of Hawaii to de- other inducements for the increase of finally how there had been prepared for owing to the fact that they did not on permanent quarters reported that cide whether or no this Territory shall desirable travel to Hawail, and to this the use of the associations opinions by have any books showing just what was there was a room now occupied as two or shall not secure a trade that is ad-end we beg to submit that we consider

raise funds to meet the demands of the Mr. Macfarlane said it had been rebudget. At that time there was a feel- garded as the least of two evils, and There was some discussion of the re- them here; let us then resolve that we extra session of the Legislature, and to the tax did not take from the Leg- motion of George W. Smith the secre- wealthy, the healthy and the Bohemi-

> Captain King declared that he had owned property in California and now had holdings here, and he thought there was no reason for any one to object to the tax rates. In Alameda he had paid 21/2 per cent taxes and that with a uniform assessment there was no reason for feeling that the taxes were too high here. The taking off of the business license had reduced the expenses of the business men, and the result was a less tax than business men elsewhere had to pay, and they got no greater advantages.

John G. Rothwell said that as he understood it, the position of the president was that it was better to submit to such taxation than to have an inefficient Legislature trouble the tax rate. He thought the tax was most objectionable on the ground that it ex-25 Head of Fine Young posed the business of every merchant to an irresponsible clerk. There was no civil service; a clerk might be turned out of office at any time on the change of an administration and if he should take advantage of the returns which pass through his hands he would have some facts at his control which would reflect upon the standing of certain firms. Since 1893 he said the taxes had been increasing. There had been no opposition party to look into CLUB STABLES the public administration with a view of enforcing economies. The rates of of enforcing economies. The rates of salaries were high and there were a great number of officials. He was not opposed to the government, but it was always safest for the people if there was careful scrutiny of the public service. In his opinion the rate of taxation now was nearly five per cent upon

mittees recalled Mr. Smith and came to rate. Once that was lifted there was tary was instructed to have 500 copies an, who has money to spend and will bers of all the various bodies of the he said he felt that once the tax rate cost of government, that the officials ganizations. The report is as follows: to make Honolulu a hospital but a recwas touched it might not stop until it should work as do the clerks of a busireation ground. We want a class that
wald building, Honolulu, T. H. Will city. The closing sentence of the re- was touched it might not stop until it should work as do the clerks of a busihad reached 5 per cent, and the pay- ness house, instead of coming to work, ment of the income tax was much at 9 and waiting a half hour before doing anything, and quitting at 3:30 trusted the question of Tourist Travel up to us that the required accommodaemphasized in the later discussion of Another point which was urged was o'clock for the purpose of being ready and how to secure it, have found the tion is supplied.

that if the matter is to be undertaken rich man, for he could not earn diviit must be for such time and with such dends in Hawaii and take the money phase that G. W. Smith said that he once meet universal approval, but we of travel between the mainland and resources as will enable the city to to the United States or any other coun- did not think there should be any ex- believe that the question is destined Honolulu, but we most emphatically do hope for some lasting benefit. The re- try for investment, without paying pression of opinion now, but that the eventually to become a vital one in the recommend that every possible effort port of the committee will be taken up taxes upon it. The fact that the plan- report of the president be accepted commercial annals of Hawali.

was the most interesting discussion had ets of the stockholder, for the money toms was read, asking that the mem- that is rightfully ours, but this will upon the matter of the income tax. would be put into dividends if it did bers of the association should give to have reference later on. This came up in the form of a report not go into the Government treasury. him a report showing the value of mer- We submit for your consideration make a success of Tourist Travel it is

The committee in charge of the Meryears' holding it would be unwise to to help bear the burden of government permit an irresponsible Legislature to and did not mean a great increase of chants' Fair, through its chairman, Mr. terest.

Helm, reported progress, but that six Let us first resolve that we want Helm, reported progress, but that six spaces were unoccupied.

association a basis for action, which the conclusion that there should be no no telling where it would stop. He printed and distributed among the spend it, rather than the weak and will furnish food for thought for mem- further fight on the law. For kimself said there should be a reduction in the members of the various business or hollow-chested invalid; we do not want

Mr. President and Members of the Honolulu Merchants Association: Your Committee, to whom was en subject one of engrossing interest, but

even to the casual observer to be over-

sonable effort on our part none but an however, as a community expect to add ordinary and casual visitation has our active and financial assistance in hitherto accrued to us. It is up to the the way of advertising and offering offices in the Judd building by the mittedly large and profitable in itself, any restricted or local efforts of a there was a decision reached that the George W. Smith took the position Union Feed Company, which could be besides being a business that properly spasmodic nature both insufficient and matter should be appealed to the United that it would be possible to count on had for \$65 a month. He wanted the directed cannot fail to result in bring- ineffective, and that such a basis of States Supreme Court and W. O. Smith the fingers of one hand the rich men, association to have a permanent ad- ing us ultimately an increased and peror the estates abroad, which paid any dress and thought there would be an manent population of the most desira- and a waste of time, and, therefore, He never not further than San Fran-tax directly The owners of sugar increase in the membership of the as-cisco for the reason that a later meet-stocks paid it, only out of the planta-sociation as soon as this was done. ble character. Your Committee do not whatever is undertaken should cover a ing decided that since there must be tion funds before the dividends were After some discussion the association going after this business, but advocate most desirable summer and winter reand ineffective methods of procedure in thoroughly establish Hawaii as the decided to take a lease upon the rooms, an active and aggressive campaign to sort extant. We recommend that an ment, there must be some basis fer W. W. Harris was in favor of the have the partition removed and prepar- bring it here, feeling confident that it adequate guarantee fund to carry out taxation, and as the rate of one per tax, saying that he thought it a good ed for the meetings of the association with reftion of assured success, provided that erence to Tourist Travel be solicited JAS, S, McKEE,-Electrical, Mechania it is undertaken as a community inand subscribed annually on the follow-

tourists and are determined to offer

will know what they require, know when they get it, pay for what is fur-

Your Committee, therefore, do not

advocate any undue reduction of rates be made to induce the inauguration of There are serious difficulties apparent an improved and up-to-date passenger service between Pacific Coast ports more efficient inter-island passenger service accommodation. If we are to chants to insist upon it. We must procedure would be futile, inadvisable

> Planters Association, subscription by assessment on sugar at 5 cents per ton, say 300,000

becanic and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies, assessment on each round trip ticket to Honolulu, \$5.00,, and on each single trip to or from Honolulu at \$2.50, estimated at say Inter-Island Steamship Com-

panies (two companies), monthly subscription say \$50.00 each Merchants' subscription, say 25, at \$10.00 per month each. per annum

Say 25 at \$5.00 ... 1,500 00 Four hotels at \$25.00 per month each, say per annum O. R. & L. Co., \$25.00 per month, per annum ... Rapid Transit, \$25.00 per

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ject to such changes and modifications as may be determined upon, but is subniltted as a basis.

In support of the first item your committee take the position that there is with one or two possible exceptions not a share of sugar stock in the market that is not on its merits worth full par value, and that the present depreciation is due largely to the constriction of the money market and the consequent inability of our citizens to make further investments. We submit that a dozen wealthy visitors per annum DR. T. MITAMURA.-Office, 1468 Nuupurchasing each \$100,000 of our securities will send them to par where they belong, and the planter has his mone back that he has invested in Tourist Travel. We claim it to be a wise project for him to expend a little to assist in bringing in a class of people with the 'dea that some will become investors. He has the goods for sale, he thus pays simply a commission on sales. possibly in advance, it is true, but well worth the price. Your Committee submit that the equity of the other assessments is more apparent and need not be discussed.

Your Committee submit that a fund

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Governor Dole Makes Changes in the

The Executive Council has approved the appointments for all the tax appeal courts in the Territory. The Governor has appointed the judges in all the districts, and commissions have been issued to all of them excepting those on Kauai, whose acceptances are still to be received.

The following are the courts as they will be constituted this year, the first sessions to be held the early part or next month:

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